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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In Hansen's agreeable debut, college dropout Ruby Rousseau mistakenly receives a suitcase belonging to Beth Richards, a former classmate at Tarble, a private women's college near Chicago. The suitcase seems only a nuisance until Ruby learns that Beth has vanished on a trip to Pittsburgh. Ruby, an obituary writer for a suburban Chicago daily, hands the suitcase over to an indifferent and inept detective, but inadvertently keeps one of Beth's books, which has marginalia referring to Mark Suter, a young, charismatic, and unscrupulous professor at Tarble. Is Beth's disappearance connected to Suter? Ruby—whose disastrous affair with Suter ended with her attempting suicide—is convinced that it is, and travels to Tarble, where she confronts ghosts from her past, including Suter. Some truly bizarre characters people the story and some surprises defy credulity, but this thriller remains rewarding reading. Agent: Elisabeth Weed, Weed Literary Agency. (Aug.)

From [Booklist](#)

When the suitcase of a former college classmate mysteriously arrives at her doorstep, Ruby Rousseau is forced to confront her painful past. During the previous year, Ruby had an affair with her English professor, attempted suicide, and dropped out of a prestigious women's college just shy of graduation. The suitcase belongs to Beth, who recently went missing after taking an overseas trip, and Ruby grudgingly sets out to unravel the mystery of her disappearance. Author Hansen's debut novel investigates the parallels between the contemporary female college experience and the influence of some of literature's greatest women writers: Sylvia Plath and Virginia Woolf, among others. Although the plot takes some predictable turns, Hansen's heroine, Ruby, proves to be a smart, complex, and very engaging character. An agreeable mix of suspense and literary fiction. --Heather Paulson

Review

"Hansen's first novel is heartfelt, suspenseful and very, very satisfying!" (Nancy Woodruff, author of *My Wife's Affair*)

"I LOVED IT. That book is the perfect beach read... girls who like dishy romantic thrillers are going to go nuts for it this summer. I myself couldn't put it down til I was done, like it was a big fat pina colada." (Meg Cabot, New York Times bestselling author)

"That rare thing, a dark mystery that also works on your heart, 'The Butterfly Sister' is a beguiling, terrifying story and Amy Gail Hansen a true find." (Jacquelyn Mitchard, New York Times bestselling author of *The Deep End of the Ocean*)

"Hansen's debut cleverly entwines these literary ghosts into a suspenseful and swiftly paced light mystery." (Kirkus Reviews)

"Rewarding reading." (Publishers Weekly)

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